

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-17, 20-27 and 29 are active in the present application. Claims 1-17, 26-27 and 29 are allowed. Claims 20 and 23 have been amended for matters of form and to correct a typographical or clerical error. No new matter is believed to have been added.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants thank Examiner Rodee the indication in the Advisory Action of October 15, 2003 that Claims 1-17, 26-27 and 29 are allowed. Claims 20 and 23 have been amended consistent with Claims 20 and 23 as originally presented and to limit the negative charge controlling agent to polymerized units of units of components (1), (2) and (3).

The amendment to the claims does not represent a new issue for consideration since the allowance of claims 1-17, 26-27 and 29 indicates that such a charge controlling agent has been examined and allowed. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendment and rejoinder and allowance of claims 20-25.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims places all now-pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and the passage of all now-pending claims to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

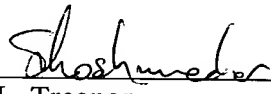
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